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Booker T. Washington did not meet with a very cordial reception at Springfield, Mass., last week. The three principal hotels refused to lodge him.

The books of Stuart R. Young, the late city treasurer of Louisville, have not yet been footed and the amount of his shortage is not yet known. It will probably be a week or two before the statement will be ready for publication.

The nomination of Geo. W. Leiberth, to be Collector of the Covington district, hung fire for a week or ten days, but it finally went through. A preacher charged that he was too fond of liquor and was a frequenter of gambling halls.

The Court of Appeals, in deciding a Kenton county case, holds that political parties must give forty days' notice of a primary election, and that the entries of candidates cannot be closed until fifteen days before the day set for holding it.

The Washington correspondent of the Chicago Inter Ocean is authority for a report that the Shelby Court of Inquiry has found against the Rear Admiral in at least five of the ten counts in the precept. The report of the court, however, has not yet been transmitted.

The Louisville Board of Safety is after the pool-rooms, and it looks like Ed Alvey and others will have to go. Pool-rooms accommodate and make gamblers and one half of the defalcations are attributable to them. They are dens of vice and should not be tolerated in any city.

The scene of the troubles in in Hopkins county, so far as public interest is concerned, has shifted to the Federal Court in Louisville, where a motion to make permanent the temporary restraining order issued against the striking miners will be heard. The St. Bernard Mining Company will ask to be taken under the protection of the order.

Anarchy and its punishment was the subject of debate at last Thursday's session of the Senate. Mr. McCombs took the ground that an attack against the President is a crime against the peace of the United States, and said this gave Federal jurisdiction. He advocated death for assailants of the President and for those who procure assaults. Mr. Hoar favored a desolate island in which, by international agreement, all the anarchists of the world might be banished.

At the present session of Congress an effort will be made to secure the abolition of the war revenue tariff. It will be remembered that the original war revenue bill, justified only on the ground that this country was at war with Spain, aimed at providing an extra income of \$100,000,000 per annum. Last session, the Republicans having announced that the war was over, an effort was made to secure the repeal of the law, the Democrats using every means in their power to relieve the people of this unnecessary burden, but they succeeded only in so far as they compelled the Republicans to pass a measure which reduced the revenues by \$80,000,000. The remaining \$70,000 a year has continued to accumulate in the Treasury until the surplus has assumed proportions which the Republican Secretary of the Treasury has been forced to admit are inimical to the welfare of the country.

## OUR REPLY.

In last week's issue of this paper we gave an expression concerning the action of the County School Superintendent and his board of examiners in the adoption of books to be used in our public schools for the ensuing five years. In that article we made no reference derogatory to the good intentions of the board or to any member of it, but to the contrary, credited them with good motives, by openly stating "we do not criticize the intentions of the board in making the change." Our article was an open, honest disapproval of making the change in our school books which brings a heavy tax on the parents of children in this county and brings it without their consent and without their approval. Not one line, not one sentiment expressed in our former article is retracted. It is not our mission, it is not our intention to complain without a cause, it is not our desire to throw the weight of a straw in the pathway of honest endeavor or to produce one line or a single sentiment besmirching the good name of any man whether he be a private citizen or a salaried office holder. We took the position that the change was not necessary; that we could not endorse their judgment and that it would cost the poor people of this county thousands of dollars. If this is not true they should have denied the allegation in a fair and gentlemanly manner, stated the changes made and produced their reasons, but instead of taking this way to extricate themselves, they take the lowest, degrading and most contemptible method to try to cover up their blunder. No reason for making the change is given, save, that the law authorized an adoption of books and that it must be obeyed. To skulk from the issue, to evade the weight of our article you published in the Spectator, a vile malicious article against the editor of this paper and then have the audacity to ask us to reproduce it in the columns of the News. We are willing to extend any and every courtesy, within our power, to any gentleman who gives us fair treatment. We would have willingly given space for a reply in refutation of our article, had the manuscript been presented, touching the question at issue. If, as you claim, our article did you an injustice then you should have sought the same avenue to have reached the same readers, but instead of coming out like men who desired to do the right, and meet the question, you seek to do us an injustice and choose another paper as a medium, to accomplish your contemptible purpose. You lay much stress on our declaration: "This change will cost the poor people of this county thousands of dollars. It is not a demand of theirs, but brought about by arduous work of book publishers, not for the betterment of our children, but to advance their business." You say: "Now as to the adoption being the result of the arduous work of book publishers, is an infamous lie." This, the strongest and most unwarranted statement of your tirade, we give, and below we submit the circumstances in defense of our former declaration. The register book in the Marcom Hotel shows the names of two representatives of book-publishers, registered November 19th, and that they were here two days. On the 28th three more registered, two stayed till Saturday, the third one left on Sunday. Two of these men arrived about 12 o'clock Thursday and just after dinner, one of them drove a span of horses out the Somerset road and late that afternoon returned with W. H. McCaffree, a member of the board, in his vehicle. These men were here for the purpose of selling their books and they accomplished it. Their time was devoted to this end and it was energetically and successfully employed. They did not publicly proclaim their mission; they did not seek public endorsement, but devoted their time and energies to the parties who had the legal power to adopt or reject. No accusation was made against said agents. If these agents, men of good address and ability did not work hard and use all honorable means, within the scope of their knowledge and experience to advance the interest of their employers, then all signs are failures and their success must have been an accident. One thing is certain and that is, that the man who went to the country for one of these guardian angels was a successful agent. Another thing not doubtful, and that is, that the three who stayed till the mist rolled away, till the light of superior authors dawned on this board, and finally when the brilliancy of that light obscured the hard earnings of the poor people of this county this board permits them to furnish the books, or a portion of them, for five years at their own prices. This board claims justification by securing an exchange price of sixty per cent, of the price of the new books. What profit comes in a transaction that forces our people to give up good books, of good authors for similar books of other authors and then pay sixty per cent. of the price of the new ones and allow the other party to make the price? Unless there are gross errors existing in the books now in use, or unless the ones recently adopted have broader, or plainer and easier avenues to aid in the development of the mind, this board has made a mistake, a costly blunder—one that will bring a heavy tax on parents who are forced to buy them. Since this board forces a heavy expense on our people we ask, for the sake of the people who must buy them, for this board to tell us fairly and squarely the difference between the ones adopted and the ones rejected. Point out the advantages and show up your reasons for imposing this heavy expense. State the defects in the one and the merits of the other. Tell the people what they are to receive for their money and don't jungle your explanation. You made the change, you must have been satisfied that it was best to make

it. It brings no expense to you, it cost you nothing. Now, we ask you in candor, to lay aside your abuse of us and meet the issue in a plain open manner. Here is a column or more of space, if necessary, tendered for this purpose. If you show justifiable reasons for making the change your action will meet the endorsement of the people, if you fail in your attempt it will be considered a blunder and if you refuse to explain you will occupy an unenviable position. Mark Anthony said, "We come to bury Caesar, not to praise him." But not so in this case. We come to praise, not bury. The superior ability of the county Superintendent and his board of examiners is not to be questioned. To refuse to endorse their actions makes the offender a malicious liar." The people of this county must acknowledge their authority and bow, without a murmur, to the edicts of noble, infallible protectors. It seems that the people are supposed to know not what they want, neither are they capable of determining what books should be used in our public schools! But for this board the wheels of progress might cease to move, intelligence decay, and finally, the darkness of ignorance and superstition envelop posterity. It seems a crime for a gentleman to oppose the sweeping change they force on the people of this county, or to ask, what books you force us to buy for the good of our children. Noble guardian Angels, with the key of knowledge in their possession, will take care of the onward march of intellectual advancement, and all the people have to do is merely, foot the bill. The superiority of the new geography, the people must buy, will probably show their children a picture of a Rocky Mountain goat in such a position that will make an indelible impression. That new arithmetic may contain, heretofore, unborn principles and make the way broad and clear through Fractions, Roots and Numbers. That new Kentucky history may possibly contain a sketch of our guardian Angels on missions of mercy. It may show their pictures and represent them weeping over the bad and dreadful books that have impeded the progress of our children for five years, but the picture it should show will not be seen, and that is, a representation of a multitude of people, including the widows, coming in from every direction, bringing their books in exchange for others and then emptying their purses into the coffers of rich corporations. This picture would not be complete without half tone cuts of our guardians, on an elevated position, pointing to the many buyers with this inscription: "It is for their good that we ordered them." Our former article set forth this fact only: that a change in our text books was unnecessary and brought a heavy expense to parents in this county. This board overlooks this fact, the only accusation made, and receding from the weight of this charge, placed a false construction on our language and with this for a base, brands us as a malicious liar. "A guilty conscience needs no accuser." Their article is no lower than the source from whence it came. The show is not over.

Berry Howard, indicted for complicity in the murder of Mr. Goebel, was arrested in Pineville, last Saturday. It is hard to defeat that great Scriptural law, "He that sheddeth man's blood by man shall his blood be shed." In this case Howard has been at large since the crime was committed, but he will now have to face the evidence and answer for his part in the foul conspiracy. He is now in jail at Frankfort.

It is now said that Hon. W. J. Bryan will be the Democratic candidate for Governor of Nebraska.

CAMPBELLSVILLE.

A revival meeting at the Baptist Church closed Wednesday the 3rd inst. It was a success in every way. Large, orderly congregations were in daily and nightly attendance for over two weeks. Much interest was manifested resulting in about 30 additions to the church and over twenty-five were baptized by Rev. D. P. Montgomery, in a pool of water in a mile of town, on Wednesday. The meeting was conducted under the auspices of Rev. D. P. Montgomery, pastor, assisted by other ministers and members of the various churches. Mr. Montgomery is a earnest, eloquent and able speaker and commands the love and respect of our citizens generally.

Mr. T. C. Taylor, a prominent merchant at this place, taking time by the forelock has become an applicant for the office of post-master here in the event of a vacancy under the new Administration. He has secured the signature of a number of citizens, said to be mostly Democrats, to a paper, recommending him as a suitable and competent person to fill the place. Mr. Taylor is perhaps, not aware that Mr. Wm. Hobson, present incumbent, is the happy owner of a commission from the P. M. General which does not expire for more than two years, hence he cannot be removed except for cause. It is believed that no cause exists as all, or most all agree that Mr. Hobson has faithfully discharged all the duties of the office for two years past. Ignorant of these facts it would appear that Mr. Taylor has the wrong sow by the ear and he will in consequence be compelled to let go for the present at least. But if ignorance is bliss 'tis folly to be wise." All parties are of high respectability and are popular.

For some time past traffic on the Branch railroad running from Lebanon

to Greensburg has been uncommonly active. Enormous amounts of lumber, staves and produce are being shipped. The poultry business has largely increased and many car loads of ducks, chickens, geese, eggs etc., are being shipped to the large cities. The incoming trains are laden with miscellaneous goods in large quantities. Taken altogether business is very lively at this time.

If current reports should turn out to be true Hon. David H. Smith M. C. of the 4th Congressional Dist., will introduce a bill in Congress, appropriating \$900,000, for the purpose of locking and damming Green river, so as to extend steam-boat navigation to Greensburg. This would be a consummation to be devoutly wished for by the citizens of Greensburg and Green county. This humble correspondent ventures to furtively suggest an additional amount so as to make the historic river navigable as high up as Green river bridge, on the Campbellsville and Columbia pike. If Mr. Smith will accept the proposed amendment and put the bill through making the improvement of steam boat landings at Greensburg and Green river Bridge, he will receive the plaudits of his admiring constituents along the line of the proposed improvement.

The numerous stores in our lively little city are being rapidly filled with goods suitable for the Christmas holidays. The venerable and ancient Santa Claus is eagerly looked for by the juvenile population while children of a larger growth are like McCauber, waiting for something to turn up.

I hope all the subscribers to the News together with the rest of mankind will have a good time and become the recipients of appropriate presents.

## TARTER.

Miss Katie Tarter, who has been on the sick list is no better.

Mrs. Nancy Cravens, Russell county, is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. G. White.

J. T. White's school closed on Little's Creek Wednesday.

S. T. T. G. and S. White, and T. H. Tarter have returned from Illinois.

J. O. and J. T. White contemplate entering school at Bowling Green, January 1.

D. B. White is expecting to go into the goods business at this place.

T. W. Wheat, sold A. Hunn, 14 fat hogs at 5c per pound.

J. J. Cravens has been confined with rheumatism.

Friday evening, Mr. G. B. White, a farmer and a highly respected citizen, paid the debt due from all the living. Six weeks ago he was taken ill, terminating in a stroke of paralysis gradually grew worse until the end came. He received the closed attention, was a member of the Methodist church, had been for thirty years. He loved his church and family. He was married to Miss Mary White in 1880 she having died twenty years ago. If he had lived until April he would of been 81 years old. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. D. Tarter. We tender our sympathy to his sons and daughter.

## MILLTOWN.

We have had some snow in the past week.

Miss Nora Sandidge's school is out.

Miss Birt Thomas, who has been quite sick for the past three weeks with malarial fever is up again.

The meeting is progressing nicely, conducted by Revs. Harewood and Gordon. There have been several additions to the church.

J. M. Thomas and family will move to Williamsburg next week. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas were good neighbors and the young folks will be missed. We regret their departure.

The school will close on the 13th. Entertainment at night.

## CANE VALLEY.

Capt. Jim Cantrill, of Greensburg, was here last Tuesday.

Ola Hardesty, of Lebanon, was here last Saturday buying hogs.

W. R. Lyon, our grocery man of Campbellsville, was here last week.

Halley Wilson returned to Franklin, Ind., last Thursday.

O' R. Banks is in Cleveland, Ohio, with a car of poultry this week.

Mrs. Ellen Squires is confined to her room with bronchitis.

Chas. Murrell, son of Mrs. Anna Murrell, returned from Dayton, Ohio, last week.

Rev. Arvin, New Market, filled his regular appointment at the Baptist Church last Sunday.

Miss May Harvey, of Columbia, was visiting friends here last Saturday.

Mr. E. B. Cheatham, of Milltown, was here last Sunday.

Mr. Jim P. Dohoney is confined to his room.

Mr. W. F. Jeffries purchased of Mr. J. M. Traylor, last week, the cottage on College Avenue, recently occupied by Mr. P. V. Grissom for \$500.

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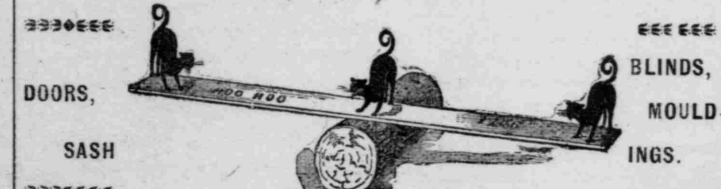
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